



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 29, 2018. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 5 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 21 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 47.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Leesville to 59.4 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 69.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Winnsboro to 80.6 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. The precipitation for this week was minimal throughout the State, with the highest concentration in the southeast part of the State with an average of 0.58 inch.

Crop progress for week ending April 29, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, planted	100	99	100	98
Corn, emerged	98	95	99	96
Cotton, planted	5	0	49	21
Hay, first cutting	20	13	38	14
Rice, planted	93	90	92	87
Rice, emerged	82	73	85	77
Sorghum, planted	45	40	81	79
Sorghum, emerged	24	15	56	60
Soybeans, planted	40	26	65	42
Soybeans, emerged	21	11	48	22
Winter wheat, headed	93	92	99	93
Winter wheat, coloring	21	9	26	16

Crop condition for week ending April 29, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	0	6	48	45	1
Livestock	1	4	33	53	9
Pasture	1	8	37	51	3
Rice	0	5	36	55	4
Sugarcane	0	5	52	37	6
Vegetables	1	8	37	50	4
Winter wheat	1	7	50	39	3

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Rice planting should soon be completed as some crawfish ponds are being drained for planting. Drier weather conditions are present which will help with fieldwork progress. Soybean planting has begun along with the first cutting of hayfields.”

– Todd Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“Dry conditions allowed rapid field progress. Sugarcane growers continued to fertilize fields. Some producers wrapped up planting soybeans on fallow fields. Cool temperatures are slowing crop development. Summer pastures are slow to develop as winter pastures linger. Cattle producers are working calves. Hay producers are having ideal baling weather.”

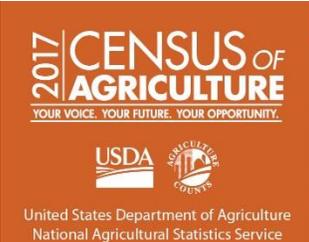
– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Dry conditions allowed for fieldwork by sugarcane and rice farmers. Some hay was harvested. Sugarcane fertilization and rice fertilization was undertaken and permanent flood was established on some rice. Warmer conditions has rice and sugarcane growing. Rain is needed on pastures and sugarcane.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Fields are drying out this week. Could use another rain shower. Warmer conditions will help rice progress some within the upcoming week. Pastures are still behind for this time of year.”

– Jimmy “Jimmy” Meaux, Calcasieu Parish



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Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending April 29, 2018

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	75.0	49.4	62.2	66.1	-3.9	0.15	2	-1.07	6.70	2.07
Mooringsport	74.4	50.4	62.4	67.2	-4.7	0.00	0	-0.83	4.80	1.73
Red River	73.3	51.7	62.5	67.8	-5.3	0.07	1	-0.98	5.18	1.08
Shreveport	73.3	48.7	61.0	66.9	-5.9	0.08	1	-1.09	5.55	1.51
Extreme/Average	74.0	50.0	62.0	67.0	-5.0	0.07	2	-0.99	5.56	1.60
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	65.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	67.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	73.7	48.3	61.0	64.6	-3.6	0.00	0	-0.33	2.48	-0.98
Extreme/Average	73.7	48.3	61.0	65.8	-3.6	0.00	0	-0.33	2.48	-0.98
Northeast										
Lake Providence	71.3	53.7	62.5	67.2	-4.7	0.64	2	-0.65	4.64	0.58
St Joseph	74.6	51.6	63.1	68.7	-5.6	0.22	1	-0.75	4.10	0.15
Tallulah	73.3	51.3	62.3	67.6	-5.2	0.40	1	-0.07	0.40	-0.23
Winnsboro	69.0	49.0	59.0	68.2	-8.4	0.00	0	-0.16	4.48	0.58
Extreme/Average	72.0	51.4	61.7	67.9	-6.0	0.32	2	-0.41	3.41	0.27
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	66.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	68.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	78.3	47.6	62.9	67.8	-4.9	0.05	1	-0.83	4.65	0.85
Natchitoches	74.9	52.6	63.7	69.4	-5.7	0.01	1	-0.75	3.87	-0.42
Extreme/Average	76.6	50.1	63.3	68.0	-5.3	0.03	1	-0.79	4.26	0.21
Central										
Alexandria	74.3	51.6	62.9	69.1	-6.1	0.29	2	-0.66	4.57	0.32
Bunkie	78.1	53.6	65.9	69.5	-3.6	0.43	2	-0.67	4.50	0.32
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	71.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	72.2	53.5	62.8	68.9	-6.1	0.55	2	-0.24	5.74	2.02
New Roads	73.0	52.8	62.9	70.0	-6.7	0.35	1	-0.23	5.74	2.15
Extreme/Average	74.4	52.9	63.6	69.7	-5.7	0.40	2	-0.45	5.14	1.20
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.25	1	-0.85	4.71	0.31
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	68.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.02	2	(NA)	7.49	(NA)
Slidell	76.3	54.0	65.1	69.6	-4.4	0.22	3	-0.73	7.52	3.46
Extreme/Average	76.3	54.0	65.1	69.2	-4.4	0.50	3	-0.79	6.57	1.89
Southwest										
Crowley	74.5	54.0	64.3	70.6	-5.7	0.02	1	-0.98	4.17	0.42
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	69.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	76.7	54.4	65.6	70.2	-4.6	(NA)	0	-0.83	3.64	0.26
Oberlin Fire	75.7	51.6	63.6	69.8	-6.1	0.00	0	-1.02	4.05	-0.01
Extreme/Average	75.6	53.3	64.5	69.9	-5.5	0.01	1	-0.94	3.95	0.22
South central										
Donaldsonville	77.4	52.6	65.0	69.9	-4.9	0.52	2	-0.42	7.05	3.02
Jeanerette	77.0	53.5	65.3	70.6	-5.2	0.04	1	-0.47	3.31	0.22
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	69.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	76.3	58.1	67.2	70.6	-3.4	0.12	1	-0.68	3.95	0.99
Extreme/Average	76.9	54.7	65.8	70.2	-4.5	0.23	2	-0.52	4.77	1.41
Southeast										
Galliano	77.7	56.3	67.0	70.7	-3.8	1.55	2	0.85	6.31	3.58
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	0	-1.01	6.14	1.68
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	80.6	59.4	70.0	(NA)	(NA)	0.18	1	(NA)	6.04	(NA)
Extreme/Average	79.2	57.8	68.5	70.7	-3.8	0.58	2	-0.08	6.16	2.63
State	75.4	52.7	64.0	68.8	-4.9	0.25	2	-0.57	4.68	0.91

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.